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GWOT Surface Strike Group 06-2 prepares for “Surge” Deployment

NORFOLK, Va. – More than 1,100 Sailors on three surface ships will “surge” as part of the Global War on Terrorism Surface Strike Group (GWOT SSG) 06-2 in the coming days from their homeports in Norfolk and Mayport, Fla.

The amphibious transport dock USS Trenton (LPD 14), homeported at Naval Station Norfolk and the guided-missile cruiser USS Hue City (CG 66) homeported in Naval Station Mayport will deploy April 18. The guided-missile destroyer USS James E. Williams (DDG 95) homeported at Naval Station Norfolk will depart at a later date.

As a Surface Strike Group, USS Trenton, USS Hue City, and USS James E. Williams will enhance naval presence for combatant commanders in support of the ongoing global war on terrorism. All three ships can operate independently or in conjunction with other maritime forces.

This “surge” deployment is designed to be flexible and will provide presence and strike power to support joint and allied forces afloat and ashore. Under the Fleet Response Plan, a simple realignment of schedules makes this deployment possible.

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NOTE: Media partners wishing to cover the departures of USS Trenton should contact Second Fleet Public Affairs at (757) 443-9850 ext. (x47127) no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Apr 17.

Information on GWOT SSG 06-2 ships is available by visiting <http://www.navy.mil/>. Use the ship type to find information on the ships.